

PRESS RELEASE



Jonzi D Productions
presents

Markus The Sadist

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As Hip Hop culture evolves and continues to court controversy, **Jonzi D Productions** return with bold new theatre, taking a wry look at celebrity within the Hip Hop 'industry' and the manipulative players masterminding urban myths.

Markus The Sadist tells the story of a talented young emcee from humble UK origins, earning his accolades at local battle championships as he sweeps the board with his raw, precocious skills.

Attracting the attentions of record companies and unscrupulous management, Markus has to agree to certain conditions in order to capitalise on the offer of a lifetime - He must sound American, mention his sponsors and predictably have a gang affiliation. After signing and reaching the dizzy heights of rap superstardom, this story takes an unexpected turn as Markus decides to switch styles at the height of his popularity.....

Written and directed by **Jonzi D** who continues to set a precedent within Hip Hop theatre and dance, this modern rap fable includes brand new music from MOBO award winning jazz innovator **Soweto Kinch**. With a vibrant cast collectively portraying a diverse array of characters, the lead role of Markus comes courtesy of **Bashy**, a rising UK star and critically acclaimed musician/writer who won Most Inspiring Act at the Urban Music Awards in 2008. With his career in the ascendant, Bashy takes time out of recordings and shows to debut his acting skills and work with Jonzi D Productions on this explosive new work.

Tour Dates

1 st and 2 nd	NORTH FINCHLEY artsdepot, 8pm
6 th	STOCKTON-ON-TEES Arc, 7.30pm
8 th	NOTTINGHAM Playhouse, 8pm
10 th	MAIDENHEAD Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, 7.30pm
13 th	MALVERN Theatres, 7.30pm
16 th - 17 th	MANCHESTER Contact Theatre, 8pm
19 th	LONDON Bloomsbury Theatre, 8pm
22 nd - 24 th	BIRMINGHAM The Drum, 7.30pm
26 th - 27 th	LEEDS West Yorkshire Playhouse, 7.45pm
30 th - 31 st	IPSWICH New Wolsey Theatre, 7.45pm

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

Jonzi D Productions is a leading Hip Hop theatre company, established in 2005 and an Associate Company of Sadler's Wells. Artistic Director **Jonzi D** is one of the most recognised faces of Hip Hop culture in the UK. His signature company creates and tours original Hip Hop theatre productions and acts as a catalyst for the continuing development of the Hip Hop theatre genre through wide-ranging outreach programmes, educating and inspiring artists and audiences.

Pioneering artist **Jonzi D** has been rapping and b-boying in clubs and on the street since the early eighties. Since graduating from the London Contemporary Dance School, Jonzi has been committed to the development of Hip Hop theatre, creating the ground-breaking ***Lyrikal Fearta*** in 1995 and critically acclaimed ***Aeroplane Man*** in 1999. He has performed all over Europe, North America, Israel, New Zealand, Cuba and Southern Africa. As an MC/poet, Jonzi has worked with **The Roots, Steve Williamson, Mannafest, Lenny Henry, MC Mell 'O', Apples & Snakes** and toured with **Gangstarr**. He appeared on HBO's **Def Poetry Jam** and Channel 4's **Faking It**. His short films ***Silence da bitchin*** and ***Aeroplane Man*** have also been screened on Channel 4 and as well, Jonzi also presented **Dance4**, Channel 4's dance film programme two years in a row. Alongside **Soweto Kinch** he has worked with the prestigious **Hockley Flyover Show**, an all day festival in Birmingham.

Jonzi D is also the creator and host of ***Breakin' Convention***, the international Hip Hop dance theatre festival at **Sadler's Wells**.

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